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SUBJ: CYPRUS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH OLCAY ON SIDELINES OF SC CONSULTATIONS
AFTERNOON JULY 26, TURKISH PERM REP EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER
DEVELOPING SITUATION. HE SAID EVENTS HAD NOW REACHED STAGE AT
WHICH (OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO GENEVA) TURKISH DIPLOMATS COULD NOT
BE SEEN GIVING AWAY WHAT TURKISH MILITARY HAD WON. IF THIS IDEA
GOT ABOUT IN TURKEY, HE COMMENTED, THERE COULD BE EXTREMELY SERIOUS
DEVELOPMENTS INTERNALLY.

2. OLCAY SAID BRITISH HAD TALKED TO HIM AND SAID TURKISH POSITION
WOULD BE HELPED BY INDICATING WHAT ITS OBJECTIVE WAS IN CYPRUS.
ALTHOUGH HE STRESSED AGAIN HIS STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THE BRITISH
(OLCAY REMARKED, WHEN TURKS SAY GO HOME AMERICANS, IT IS A
SURFACE THING; THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT THE BRITISH, HOWEVER, GO BACK
CENTURIES AND HAVE DEEP HISTORICAL ROOTS), HE SAID HE AGREED
WITH UK POSITION ON THIS. HE ASSUMED WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
WHAT TURKISH OBJECTIVE WAS ON CYPRUS. I SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL
FOR US TO KNOW HOW FAR TURKEY MEANT TO GO. HE AND US MISSION
HAD WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER IN RECENT DAYS WITH MUTUAL UNDER-
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STANDING AND I WAS SORRY TO SEE THE GOOD POSITION TURKEY HAD HAD

IN EARLY DAYS OF CYPRUS CRISIS NOW BEING LOST THROUGH
CONTINUED TURKISH MILITARY ACTION LONG AFTER TURKISH GOVT
HAD ACCEPTED CEASEFIRE. OLCAY SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE A
SUGGESTION: US SHOULD PRESS ANKARA HARD FOR A DEFINITION OF THEIR
OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY HOW FAR THEY MEANT TO CONTINUE THEIR
MILITARY ADVANCE. HE REITERATED LATER IN CONVERSATION HIS
URGENT HOPE THAT WE WOULD PRESS ANKARA ON THIS, AS HE THOUGHT
IT WOULD HELP TOWARD RESOLUTION OF CRISIS.

3. AT ONE POINT, OLCAY SAID IT WAS REGRETABLE IN OVERALL
TERMS THAT GREEKS HAD BECOME GOOD GREEKS "TWO DAYS TOO SOON."
HE THOUGHT ALSO CLERIDES AND GREEKS ARE MAKING A MISTAKE IN
REJECTING OUT-OF-HAND THE TURKISH CALL FOR FEDERAL SOLUTION IN
CYPRUS. HE EXPRESSED VIEW SITUATION HAD CHANGED IRREVOCABLY IN
CYPRUS. GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE ACTING AS THOUGH NOTHING
HAD CHANGED. BY REFUSING TO ADMIT EXISTENCE OF NEW SITUATION IN
CYPRUS AND REJECTING TURKISH CALL FOR MODERATE SOLUTION SUCH AS
FEDERAL ARRANGEMENT, GREEKS WERE PLAYING INTO HANDS OF
TURKISH EXTREMISTS. WHO WOULD DEMAND MUCH MORE.

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